

## \$106 Million GI Insurance Dividend Stated for Vets

Mort Webster, Manager of VA's Southern California Regional Office reported today that more than \$106 million of the quarter billion dollar 1961 GI insurance dividend payment would go to veterans living in 30 of the country's largest metropolitan areas.

Included in the fifteen areas listed by the US Department of Labor as major areas of substantial labor surplus, with unemployment running 6% or more are included the greater Los Angeles area, with special emphasis on the San Bernardino-Riverside-Ontario area. San Diego county was also so designated.

Webster pointed out that eligible GI insurance policyholders in the greater Los

Angeles area will share a \$10 million melon. The San Bernardino-Riverside-Ontario area will divide over \$7 million. San Diego GI policyholders will receive \$1,208,000.

In commenting on the GI dividend payments, Webster pointed out that "this is the veterans' own money and represents a refund to the GI insurance policyholder of overpayments made on his regular monthly premiums."

Webster said that March 19, 1961 has been set as the deadline for VA to complete its processing of payment vouchers to the Treasury Department for payment.

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## What Color Is Air?

Ever wonder what color air is? Members of the California Home Economics Association will have a chance to find out when they attend their annual meeting in San Francisco March 25-27.

"Air" is one of many new spring colors to be featured in the National Cotton Council's fabrics exhibit at the convention in the Jack Tar Hotel. For the benefit of those who won't be attending the meeting, "air" is actually a shade of off-white, according to Miss Mamie Hardy, the Council's home economist who is in charge of the exhibit.

Besides seeing air, home economists will get a look at high pressure pink, hot orange, milky violet, acid

green, and other colors to be featured this spring and summer.

Built around the theme "Cotton Is a Natural," the display will give California home economists an opportunity to examine the newest textures and finishes in today's cotton fabrics for apparel and home furnishings. Swatches exhibited will range from a dazzling spotlight print on a satin weave to a decorator jacquard that is guaranteed sunfast for two years.

The exhibit is part of the Council's program to keep home economists and other educators informed of the many advantages of cotton products.

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COMFORTABLE FURNITURE is enjoyed by Torrance dignitaries during the grand opening ceremonies of Sleep-Ez Mattress Company, 18301 Hawthorne Blvd., last weekend. Sitting restfully are, left to right, Mayor Albert Isen, Jules Blatt, Sleep-Ez owner; Betty Baker, Miss Torrance; Chief of Police Percy Bennett, Chamber President William Shawger, and Robert Deutsch, manager of the Torrance store. —Press Photo

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## Moppets and Missies Get 'Swingin' Fashions

An early Easter sets the pace for spring for young miss with a fashion parade of pretty pastels, lilac. Other new pastels on the scene this spring have more tang and more intensity than their conventional counterparts. The warm undertones in pastels such as orange ice, lettuce green, banana, strawberry pink and aqua mist add new dimensions to spring's annual rainbow display of pale shades.

Whether our miss is six or twice six, her dresses are as femininely bouffant as ever with many of them now accompanied by jackets, a reflection of the current trend in women's fashions. Pastel ensembles, gay checked or neat gray suits are also making a strong bid for fashion attention.

Coats with matching bags and hats will be seen in the Easter parade of new spring styles. Again, lilac as very popular for coats, and fabrics range from colorful, breezy wools through most of the many blends.

To accessorize her new spring outfit, her Easter bonnet in straws especially, feature the wide brimmed look, neat roller styling and of course, the always-popular head-hugging styles.

New in little girls' bags is "marshmallow," a soft hoam-baked plastic. Straw bags are gaily decorated with flowers, fruits and ribbons, while black and white patents continue as spring accessory favorites.

Of particular interest is the cleverly detailed, young-mood smack look of animated dress, coat and sportswear fashions for the tiny little miss.

New Easter pins, pendants and charm bracelets feature cute little bunnies, chicks and other animals.

Little sister pairs up with little brother in matching outfits for spring, "togetherness" ... and she's also copy-cattin' older sister with butcher boy and crop-topped long pants and pedal pushers. The French smock look has carried over into her playwear, with cobbler-topped long pants. Pigue continues as the tried-and-true fabric leader for tiny fashions.

The playwear world of girls up to subteens is bright with "mad, mad, mad" prints and hotter-than-hot colors in new leisure-wear fashions and culottes (those are seen in both dress and skirt styles), plus standard playtime wear.

Color interest in bathing suits is centred on gold and lavender ... while still very much in the picture, are the brighter hues and the new, off-color, exciting pastels.

## Fountain Set At Civic Auditorium

It's still a matter of amazement to jazz aficionados that Pete Fountain, outstanding Dixieland jazz clarinetist booked for a March 18 concert at Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, was first showcased nationally by Lawrence Welk.

Pete was raised in New Orleans, and is the first musical citizen of the bayou metropolis—but Lawrence Welk, Jr., a Dixieland jazz devotee, heard a Fountain recording and "bugged" his dad until the elder Welk lured Fountain away from New Orleans for a guest appearance on Welk's TV network show, and later put Fountain under contract.

Fountain now has his own quintet and rarely leaves New Orleans for concert dates.

However, the chance to share a triple bill with Earl (Fatha) Hines, dean of Dixieland jazz pianists, and old time jazz man Teddy Buckner's sextet brought Fountain back to Los Angeles.

Tickets for the three-star, all-jazz concert are on sale at all Mutual agencies, the Southern California Music Co. and the Santa Monica Civic box office.



ART SHOW SET—Jean Schotanus and Paul Salzberg admire a modernistic metal sculpture by Marc White as they prepare for a showing of works by members of the Torrance Art Group. The event at Victor E. Benstead Plunge, 3331 Torrance Blvd., opens with a reception at 7:30 p.m. Friday and will be open on March 18, 19, 25 and 26.